

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: CRAGG, James Victor
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Title: CONCEALED MAGAZINE SLOT ARRANGEMENT FOR
CHEST HARNESS, MIDRIFF HARNESS, VEST, OR THE
LIKE
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Commissioner for Patents
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**DECLARATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132**

To the Commissioner:

I, James Victor Cragg, declare, as follows:

1. I am the applicant/inventor of the subject matter as disclosed in the above-referenced patent application, i.e., the present invention, entitled "CONCEALED MAGAZINE SLOT ARRANGEMENT FOR CHEST HARNESS, MIDRIFF HARNESS, VEST, OR THE LIKE." The present invention being claimed is a concealed magazine slot arrangement for carrying at least a magazine on a user's body, comprising: a magazine holder comprising an inner panel, an outer panel, having a front operation side, overlapped on said inner panel, and a plurality of slot dividers transversely and spacedly affixed between said inner and outer panels to form a plurality of magazine slots concealed within said inner panel, said outer panel, and said slot dividers for receiving said magazine; a gear carrier

provided on said front operation side of said magazine holder for carrying a gear thereon; and means for detachably fastening said magazine holder on said user's body, wherein said magazine holder is warped for fitting a curvature of said user's body, such that said outer panel is physically bent to apply a holding force as reinforcement reinforced to substantially bias against said inner panel to physically self-adjust a shape of said magazine slots for retaining said magazine within said respective magazine slot of said magazine holder such that said magazine is tightly positioned close to said user's body so as to enhance the mobility of a user while carrying said magazine.

2. A long-felt need has existed in the military for a gear that can conceal and hold a plurality of magazine cartridges close to the user's body to reduce the cumbersome nature of a traditional magazine carrier. The success and novelty of this invention is evidenced by the fact that competitors are already copying the invention. See for example, Diamondback Tactical (<http://www.diamondbacktactical.com/BattleLab-Low-Vis-Rack-with-MOLLE-LV3-P801C90.aspx>); High Speed Gear, Inc (<http://www.highspeedgearinc.com/proddetail.asp?prod=HSG%2DWAS>); and Blackwater Gear (<http://www.blackwatergear.com/pc-17-3-i-o-low-profile-rack-carbine.aspx>).
3. The present invention has also achieved great commercial success as it has been well received by the military as evidenced by the volume of sales per year.

Country	Volume Sales	Dollar Sales	Year
USA	3618 units	\$305,349	June 2004-June 2005
USA	888 units	\$207,603	June 2006-June 2007

4. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and correct and that all statements made on information are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false

statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 24 JUN 2007


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